

LAKESHORE ALTERNATIVE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 

THE REDBOOK

Directory and School Events
2009-2010



*Parent involvement boosts student achievement,
improves schools and strengthens communities.*

Essential information ♦ School year calendar
Teachers and Staff ♦ PTA officers
Committees ♦ Site map



Lakeshore Alternative Elementary School

220 Middlefield Drive, San Francisco, Calif. 94132

Phone: 415.759.2825
Fax: 415.753.8312
Web: www.lakeshoreelementary.org
Laidlaw Bus Co: 415.647.3159 (Call if your child's bus has problems)
Federal Tax ID: #94-3042896

PTA DIRECTORY 2009-2010

CONTENTS

Welcome to Lakeshore.....	2
2009-2010 school year calendar CUT OUT VERSION FOR THE FRIDGE.....	3
2009-2010 school year calendar.....	4
Who's who: Teachers, Support Staff, PTA Consultants, Enrichment Consultants.....	5-6
2009-2010 PTA Board and Committee Chairs.....	7-8
PTA Events and Committees	9-10
Emergency Preparedness.....	10
Lakeshore Listserve	11
Lakeshore Newsletter.....	11
Lakeshore Website.....	11
Lakeshore Library	11
Lakeshore School Site Council.....	11
Special Education Programs.....	12
PTA Consultant Pool Program for the Arts and Sciences.....	12
Lakeshore Studio Art Program.....	12
About the PTA.....	13-14
Personal Fundraising and Scrip Shopping Guide.....	15-16
Spirit Day and Lakeshore Merchandise.....	Back Cover

KEEP THIS DIRECTORY FOR YOUR REFERENCE

- Please use this directory as a resource all year long. It lists events, has teacher, staff and parent volunteer information, and will help you find ways to become involved in your school.
- Our web site at <www.lakeshoreelementary.org> is a rich source of up to date information about Lakeshore activities.
- Please come to our monthly PTA meetings, to help plan events and discuss school issues.
- Feel free to call any of the PTA Officers listed in this handbook if you have any questions, or email <lakeshore.help@gmail.com>. We look forward to meeting you!
-

SCHOOL HOURS, Kindergarten through Fifth Grade

New drop-off time:	9:15 a.m.
<i>(Students are not allowed on the yard before then)</i>	
School starts:	9:30 a.m.
Recess schedule: Grades K-3	10:40-11:00 a.m. / 2:15-2:30 p.m.
Grades 4-5	11:00-11:20 a.m. / no p.m. recess
Lunch Schedule: Kindergarten	12:00-1:00 p.m.
Grades 1-3	12:15-1:00 p.m.
Grades 4-5	12:45-1:30 p.m.
School's out:	3:35 p.m.

IF YOU RECEIVE MORE THAN ONE COPY OF THIS HANDBOOK, KINDLY RETURN ANY EXTRA COPIES TO THE PTA BOX IN THE LAKESHORE SCHOOL OFFICE, OR TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER WITH A NOTE. THANK YOU.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to all of the new families who have just joined the Lakeshore community! If one of our mentor parents has not been able to reach you personally, please don't hesitate to call us with any questions that you have. There is a list of contact information of all parent PTA board members, and chairs of the various events we host throughout the year.

Lakeshore Elementary School has the reputation for academic excellence with a unique language-arts based curriculum because of the combined efforts of the teachers, staff, consultants, parents and students.

Teachers help children develop strong literacy, math and writing skills at a very early age. They follow the TRIBES agreements of mutual respect, no put downs, and the right to pass. Teachers collaborate within and across the grade levels to provide differentiated learning in their teaching methods and strategies.

Paraprofessionals work together and collaboratively with the Special and General Education teachers to provide the most optimum and maximum support for students with special needs.

The consultants currently teach visual arts, poetry, drama, science in the garden, motor perception, yoga, dance and architecture, with many others year by year. They are **all funded by the PTA**, with a budget of over \$60,000 directed specifically to consultants. This not only lets the arts and sciences come alive in the classroom, but lets teachers work with smaller class sizes, and provides enrichment that a young growing mind needs.

The parents participate in so many ways. They help teachers in the classroom, they supervise the yards, they run most of the school events such as Spring Fling, Literacy Night, Graduation, to name only a few, they discuss educational issues, and they fundraise to provide a **working budget of over \$90,000** for consultant fees, special programs, and classroom funds.

The students provide an ethnic and socio-economic diversity that is one of the school's greatest assets. Our children speak many languages and celebrate a rich variety of cultural traditions. These differences allow them to learn from each other in meaningful ways as they begin to understand how their classroom mirrors the larger community and world. We are so proud of our varied languages, and we **sponsor three Chinese Language Programs** as well.

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a group that represents all parents, teachers and children of Lakeshore. The PTA provides the structure for fundraising and for distributing such a large budget in the school. We work with all of the members of our community to help create the best environment for our children. We use the volunteer hours of the parents and the funds raised from membership and fundraising to provide academic, emotional, physical, and social enrichment to every student. You can do your part in this school by **joining the PTA**, and donating **your time and/or finances** to this school. **All funds go directly to Lakeshore students.** This does not commit you to attending any meetings, although many decisions impacting the student body occur during these meetings. By joining the PTA, we can have the clout to effect change in our school. For instance, it was the district PTA that fought so hard to reduce class sizes to 20 children per classroom.

Volunteer today! As you **read through the RedBook**, jot down names and phone numbers of people organizing the school-wide events and activities that interest you most. Don't be shy to call or e-mail us to find out what you can do. For those with constraints on large commitments, we have small time-limited tasks that can be done in the day or evening. Talk to your child's teacher about volunteering in the classroom, the library, at motor perception, or on the schoolyard. While many of us are working full-time and cannot be present during school hours, there are so many ways your donated time can be of value to the school, whether it's offering to make photocopies, or helping out at Family Math Night, to name only a few!

Welcome to Lakeshore Elementary!

Megumi Fuse, PTA President, and the PTA Board.

LAKESHORE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

T
E
A
R

T
H
I
S

O
U
T

F
O
R

Y
O
U
R

F
R
I
D
G
E

D
O
O
R

August	15	Saturday	Kindergarten Playdate; Rolf Nicol park	12:00-2:00 p.m.
	20	Thursday	Kindergarten Night – registration - orientation	5:30-6:00 p.m. 6:00-7:30 p.m.
	21	Friday	Staff Appreciation Luncheon	12:30 p.m.
	24	Monday	First day of school / Parent Welcome Coffee	9:30 a.m.
September	2	Wednesday	Room Parent Meeting*	6:30-7:00 p.m.
	2	Wednesday	PTA meeting*	7:00-8:30 p.m.
	7	Monday	Labor Day	NO SCHOOL
	9	Wednesday	Back to School Night: Grades K-2	6:30-8:00 p.m.
	10	Thursday	Back to School Night: Grades 3-5	6:30-8:00 p.m.
	27	Sunday	Lakeshore Picnic in GG Park	12:00-4:00 p.m.
October	7	Wednesday	PTA Meeting* (NEW TIME)	6:30-8:00 p.m.
	12	Monday	Indigenous Peoples Day	NO SCHOOL
	16	Friday	Multicultural Potluck	6:00-8:00 p.m.
	19-23	Monday-Friday	Conference Week	2:35 p.m. dismissal
	29	Thursday	Decorate for Halloween	
	30	Friday	Halloween at Lakeshore	all day
November	4*	Wednesday	PTA Meeting*	6:30-8:00 p.m.
	11	Wednesday	Veterans Day	NO SCHOOL
	18	Wednesday	Math-a-palooza (Math Night)	6:00-8:00 p.m.
	25-27	Wed-Friday	Thanksgiving	NO SCHOOL
December	9	Wednesday	PTA Meeting*	6:30-8:00 p.m.
	18	Friday	Staff Appreciation Luncheon	12:30 p.m.
	21	Monday	First day of winter recess	NO SCHOOL
January	4	Monday	Return from winter recess	9:30 a.m.
	13	Wednesday	PTA Meeting*	6:30-8:00 p.m.
	18	Monday	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	NO SCHOOL
	29	Friday	Professional Development Day	NO SCHOOL
February	10	Wednesday	PTA Meeting*	6:30-8:00 p.m.
	12-26	Friday-Friday	Read-a-thon	
	15	Monday	Presidents' Day / Lunar New Year	NO SCHOOL
	22-26	Monday-Friday	Book Fair	all day
	24	Wednesday	Family Literacy Night & Spelling Bee	6:00-8:00 p.m.
	25	Thursday	Chinese New Year Student Performances	9:40-10:50 a.m.
March	3	Wednesday	PTA Meeting*	6:30-8:00 p.m.
	10	Wednesday	Open House	6:00-7:00 p.m.
			Science Fair	7:00-8:00 p.m.
	15-19	Mon-Fri	Conference Week	2:35 p.m. dismissal
	19	Friday	Art show hosted by EMI	5:30-7:30 p.m.
	29-31	Mon-Wed	Spring Break	NO SCHOOL
April	1-2	Thurs-Fri	Spring Break	NO SCHOOL
	14	Wednesday	PTA Meeting*	6:30-8:00 p.m.
	24	Saturday	Silent Auction / Wine Social	6:00-10:00 p.m.
May	12	Wednesday	PTA General Meeting / PTA Board Elections	6:30-8:00 p.m.
	16	Sunday (NEW DAY!)	Spring Fling	11:00-3:00 p.m.
	25	Tuesday	Staff Appreciation Luncheon	12:30 p.m.
	27	Thursday	Chinese Language Programs Graduation	6:00-8:00 p.m.
	31	Monday	Memorial Day	NO SCHOOL
June	TBA		Graduation Picnic	
	4	Friday	Graduation/Last Day of School	SCHOOL'S OUT!

* CHILDCARE AND PIZZA WILL BE PROVIDED TO ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

LAKESHORE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

August	15	Saturday	Kindergarten Playdate; Rolf Nicol park	12:00-2:00 p.m.
	20	Thursday	Kindergarten Night – registration - orientation	5:30-6:00 p.m. 6:00-7:30 p.m.
	21	Friday	Staff Appreciation Luncheon	12:30 p.m.
	24	Monday	First day of school / Parent Welcome Coffee	9:30 a.m.
September	2	Wednesday	Room Parent Meeting*	6:30-7:00 p.m.
	2	Wednesday	PTA meeting*	7:00-8:30 p.m.
	7	Monday	Labor Day	NO SCHOOL
	9	Wednesday	Back to School Night: Grades K-2	6:30-8:00 p.m.
	10	Thursday	Back to School Night: Grades 3-5	6:30-8:00 p.m.
	27	Sunday	Lakeshore Picnic in GG Park	12:00-4:00 p.m.
October	7	Wednesday	PTA Meeting* (NEW TIME)	6:30-8:00 p.m.
	12	Monday	Indigenous Peoples Day	NO SCHOOL
	16	Friday	Multicultural Potluck	6:00-8:00 p.m.
	19-23	Monday-Friday	Conference Week	2:30 p.m. dismissal
	29	Thursday	Decorate for Halloween	
	30	Friday	Halloween at Lakeshore	all day
November	4*	Wednesday	PTA Meeting*	6:30-8:00 p.m.
	11	Wednesday	Veterans Day	NO SCHOOL
	18	Wednesday	Math-a-palooza (Math Night)	6:00-8:00 p.m.
	25-27	Wed-Friday	Thanksgiving	NO SCHOOL
December	9	Wednesday	PTA Meeting*	6:30-8:00 p.m.
	18	Friday	Staff Appreciation Luncheon	12:30 p.m.
	21	Monday	First day of winter recess	NO SCHOOL
January	4	Monday	Return from winter recess	9:30 a.m.
	13	Wednesday	PTA Meeting*	6:30-8:00 p.m.
	18	Monday	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	NO SCHOOL
	29	Friday	Professional Development Day	NO SCHOOL
February	10	Wednesday	PTA Meeting*	6:30-8:00 p.m.
	12-26	Friday-Friday	Read-a-thon	
	15	Monday	Presidents' Day / Lunar New Year	NO SCHOOL
	22-26	Monday-Friday	Book Fair	all day
	24	Wednesday	Family Literacy Night & Spelling Bee	6:00-8:00 p.m.
	25	Thursday	Chinese New Year Student Performances	9:40-10:50 a.m.
March	3	Wednesday	PTA Meeting*	6:30-8:00 p.m.
	10	Wednesday	Open House	6:00-7:00 p.m.
			Science Fair	7:00-8:00 p.m.
	15-19	Mon-Fri	Conference Week	2:30 p.m. dismissal
	19	Friday	Art show hosted by EMI	5:30-7:30 p.m.
	29-31	Mon-Wed	Spring Break	NO SCHOOL
April	1-2	Thurs-Fri	Spring Break	NO SCHOOL
	14	Wednesday	PTA Meeting*	6:30-8:00 p.m.
	24	Saturday	Silent Auction / Wine Social	6:00-10:00 p.m.
May	12	Wednesday	PTA General Meeting / PTA Board Elections	6:30-8:00 p.m.
	16	Sunday (NEW DAY!)	Spring Fling	11:00-3:00 p.m.
	25	Tuesday	Staff Appreciation Luncheon	12:30 p.m.
	27	Thursday	Chinese Language Programs Graduation	6:00-8:00 p.m.
	31	Monday	Memorial Day	NO SCHOOL
June	TBA		Graduation Picnic	
	4	Friday	Graduation/Last Day of School	SCHOOL'S OUT!

CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS TO THE CALENDAR ARE PRINTED IN THE WEEKLY LAKESHORE NEWSLETTER
AND ONLINE <WWW.LAKESHOREELEMENTARY.ORG>

WHO'S WHO AT LAKESHORE

Lindsey Keener, Principal, Main Office
Katerina Palomares, Assistant Principal, Main Office

Teacher	Room	Grade
Rita Gelini	4	K
Mary Kabala	12	K
Athena Lafferty	10	K
Laura Palacio	8	K
Catherine Wilkins	6	SDC K-2
Alvina Chan	B-9	1
Julia Egan-Bell	1	1
Kaoru Pang	B-3	1
Anita Wu	5	1
Cathy Barry	15	2
Oliver Glover	2	2
Sheila Tenney	B-14	2
Fred Ramos	B-17	2
Patricia Arian	110	3
Jaclyn Gorman	102	3
Jane Jones	115	3
Kathy Rose	108	3
Nicole Lee	B-16	3
Cheryl Hendrickson	B-11	SDC 3-5
Michael Lee	105	4
Michael McCauslin	111	4
Rich Mertes	106	4
Danielle Camou	107	5
Yvonne Cheung	101	5
Anastasia Pappas	B-7	5

* room numbers are subject to change as construction progresses

SUPPORT STAFF

Name	Position	Room
Mao Savea	Administrative Assistant	Office
Mary Hills	Student Advisor	19
Isaac Tapia	Security	Office
Maria Camorongan	Inclusion Support Teacher	Office
Ryan Mitsuhashi	Inclusion Support Teacher	Office
Monique Domis	Speech/Language Specialist	9
Naomi Kimmerling	Resource Specialist	9
Michelle May	Psychologist	
Michelle McAdams	Learning Support Consultant	19
Celena Courtney	Librarian	Library
Susie Wright	Library Coordinator	Library
Ronna McMurray	Instrumental Music Teacher	Office
Maria Aldea	Paraprofessional	Office
Lyn Bradshaw	Paraprofessional	Office
Megan Cizek	Paraprofessional	Office
Alysia Lembkey	Paraprofessional	Office
Candy Smith	Paraprofessional	Office
Steven Yow	Paraprofessional	Office
Gillian Longford	RSP Paraprofessional	Office
Karen Combs	Occupational Therapist	Office
Jennie Wong	Nutritionist	Cafeteria
Edwana Ortiz	Yard Supervisor	Yard
Mei Lam	Custodian	
Lu Mei	Custodian	

PTA CONSULTANT POOL FOR THE ARTS AND SCIENCES

Shirl Buss	Architecture
Sharon Collins	Fine Art
Grace Grafton	Poetry
Myrtha L. Muse	Dance
Kate Roades	Yoga
Mimi S.	Theatre

ADDITIONAL ENRICHMENT CONSULTANTS

Sharon Collins	Studio Art Program
Grace Grafton	Poet-in-Residence
Jean Moshofsky Butler And Martha Luna	Science in the Garden (Gardening Program)
Mimi S.	Motor Perception

PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY PTA

Morning Cantonese Program (MCP)	Irene Chan-Jones
Morning Mandarin Program (MMP)	Irene Chan
Afternoon Mandarin Program (AMP)	Tina Ng

2009-2010 PTA BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

PRESIDENT	Megumi Fuse
VICE PRESIDENT	Ashley Null
VICE PRESIDENT	Frances Von Lukanovic
SECRETARY	Shannon Hunts
PARLIAMENTARIAN	Bruce Anderson
TREASURER	Mike Harburn
FINANCIAL SEC'Y	Susan Anderson
MEMBERSHIP	Julie Lin
HISTORIAN	Mariah Bianchi
AUDITOR	Steve Deutsch
ROOM PARENT	Julie Lin
COORDINATOR	
AUCTION & WINE TASTING	OPEN POSITION

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

AUCTION COORDINATORS	
Chair	OPEN POSITION
Donations	Andrea Brown
Sponsors	Megumi Fuse
Food	
Decorating	Jessica Mills Frances Von Lukanovic
Check-In	Irene Chan-Jones
Check-out	
ART CART	Liesel Harris Bundy
BACK-2-SCHOOL	OPEN POSITION
BOOK FAIR	Helen Chae-Lau Shannon Hunts
CLASS FUND MGR.	Irene Chan-Jones Michelle Chen Cherry Zeng Megumi Fuse
CONSULTANT PROGRAM	
FAMILY FUN NIGHT	OPEN POSITION
FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT	Mary Hagen
GRADUATION	Mimi Belmeur
GATE PARENT Representative	Esther Carmona
GRANT WRITING	OPEN POSITION
HALLOWEEN	Ellen Perieff
I.T. COMMITTEE	Christopher Null
KINDERGARTEN AFFAIRS	OPEN POSITION Linda Ghnam
LABELS/BOXTOPS	Rebecca Kennedy
LAMINATORS	Jeanette Cavano Mariah Bianchi
MAIL SORTER	Jeanette Cavano
MATH NIGHT	John Kennedy Ben Polacco

MERCHANDISE	Toni Vedar Mario Carmona Jr.
MULTICULTURAL NIGHT	Susan Anderson and girl scout troop #32754
NEWSLETTER	Heidemarie Haas
PHOTOGRAPHER	David Yu Philip Dyer Ellen Perieff
PICNIC	
Coordinator	
POETRY BOOKS	Charity Kahn
READ-A-THON	Ken Alexander
Coordinators	Josie Ramos
SCHOOL TOURS	Rebecca Kennedy
SCIENCE FAIR	Barry Draper
Committee	Ben Polacco Adam Wolff Jeanette Cavano
SCRIP COMMITTEE	OPEN POSITION
Escrip	Jessica Mills
Rainbow Scrip	Robin Scola
SPRING FLING	
CHAIR	OPEN POSITION
FOOD	OPEN POSITION
GAMES	Mario Carmona Jr.
STAFF APPRECIATION	Mariah Bianchi
LUNCHES	
TALENT SHOW	Alison Levy Charity Kahn
TRANSLATION	
Chinese	Irene Chan-Jones
中文翻譯	Irene Chan-Jones
Spanish	Patricia Martin
Para la llamada de la ayuda	Patricia Martin
Korean	Helen Chae-Lau
원조 외침을 위해	Helen Chae-Lau
VOLUNTEER	OPEN POSITION
COORDINATORS	
WEBSITE	Lisa Weinberg Benny Anderson
WHITEBOARD	Maria Dajani Tamam Abdallah

Are you interested in volunteering to chair one of the committee positions we have open this year, or would you like more information? If so, contact <Lakeshore.help@gmail.com> or any PTA board or general member and we'll get you started.

PTA EVENTS and COMMITTEES

The PTA makes many terrific events happen throughout the school year. Most of the events described below are included in the school calendar of events as well as on the web at <www.lakeshoreelementary.org>. Watch the Lakeshore Newsletter for more details. All of these events need many volunteers. To find out how to help, please call the appropriate committee chair listed in the directory.

FALL

- **ROOM PARENT MEETING:** The Room Parent Coordinators are a resource for new Room Parents. They will introduce the responsibilities of each Room Parent at this one-time meeting. This meeting is followed by the first fall PTA meeting. Childcare and food is usually provided – check flyers.
- **FAMILY TO FAMILY NIGHTS (Includes Kindergarten Night and Back to School Night):** Programs to help welcome new families into the Lakeshore community and old families back. The FAMILY TO FAMILY COMMITTEE provides mentors to welcome new families coming to Lakeshore and sets up an orientation program just before school starts.
- **LAKESHORE PICNIC:** The all-school event in Golden Gate Park features old-fashioned food, drinks, friendship, games and entertainment. Potluck is requested, and BBQ items are provided.
- **THE SCHOOL TOUR COMMITTEE** showcases our wonderful school on Wednesday mornings during school tour season from October through January.
- **MULTICULTURAL POTLUCK:** Everyone brings a favorite food from the family tradition to this festive evening, where performers present multicultural entertainment. This event is often hosted by the Girl Scout troop located at Lakeshore.
- **HALLOWEEN AT LAKESHORE:** The Community Room transforms into a haunted house for the day, and students join in a playground costume parade. Preparation occurs the day before, and whenever possible, the event occurs on Halloween day.
- **STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEONS:** are offered by the parents to the teachers and staff three times a year. Parents bring in food, or take over teacher duties (eg. yard duties) while the teachers eat.

WINTER

- **MATH-A-PALOOZA (MATH NIGHT):** Math games show the whole family how much fun numbers and math concepts can be. Teachers and parents offer fun activities for the students.
- **FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT:** An evening of fun activities for the whole family to enhance reading and writing skills. Children dress up as their favorite literary characters and parade on stage. Watch for an upcoming Spelling Bee this year or next!
- **READ-A-THON AND BOOK FAIR:** The Read-A-Thon is a major fundraiser that encourages kids to read while raising funds for Lakeshore. Students collect pledges over a two-week period, for enjoying their favorite books and increasing their reading skills. They explore the joys of reading at the Book Fair. The Book Fair is a book sale, in conjunction with Scholastic Books, which is run by the parents, with some proceeds going to Lakeshore. It is amazing to watch the kids get so excited about books! Literacy Night falls within the period of Read-A-Thon and the Book Fair.
- **LAKESHORE ART SHOW AND SOCIAL:** The Lakeshore community comes together for an evening of socializing. Student art will be displayed and available for purchase. This event is hosted by Sharon Collins and Everyday Magic.

SPRING

- **OPEN HOUSE AND SCIENCE FAIR:** Admire science projects created by students from all grades. Parents help set up and run the Science Fair, which is open to students during the day and families at night. Classrooms are open for visits and students' work is displayed at the Open House. Come meet your child's teacher and discuss their performance in class.
- **AUCTION AND WINE TASTING:** This event moved off-site and apart from the Spring Fling in 2005 and we are maintaining this schedule in order to attract a larger crowd of potential buyers. This adult-only more formal event requires a large number of school volunteers, and is the largest fundraiser of the year. It is an elegant evening of fine food, drinks, socializing and bidding. Wine tasting and sales of competition-grade wines add to the evening.
- **SPRING FLING:** An all-day family festival in May on the playground brings fun to Lakeshore. There are game booths, mini-golf, entertainment, food and all kinds of other fun for the children, including performances by local talent, including Lowell students. A Cash'n'Carry of new donated items and a bake sale are included.
- **FAMILY FUN NIGHT AND FACULTY FOLLIES:** This musical extravaganza, directed by talented Lakeshore drama consultant Mimi S., and performed by Lakeshore staff and teachers, draws a standing-room-only crowd to the Community Room. Don't miss the potluck dessert party beforehand, which is set up by the parents.
- **GRADUATION:** Daytime festivities celebrate a momentous event for graduating 5th graders and their families. This event is planned and organized by 5th grade parents, and on the celebration day, 4th grade parents step up to let the 5th grade parents relax and enjoy. Tickets are sold, 2 per family.

Other Committees

Some Lakeshore PTA Committees come and go depending on parent interest and participation. To help with any of these committees and their projects, or to suggest other committees, please call the appropriate committee chair or a PTA Board Member in the directory.

- The **BULLETIN BOARD COMMITTEE** coordinates photographic displays of Lakeshore events and PTA information including the Newsletter on the main hall bulletin board.
- The **GRANT WRITING COMMITTEE** researches available grants, writes proposals and applies for grants.
- The **PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE** coordinates a few school wide Saturday events for sprucing up the facilities. Projects have included painting the benches on the yard, building a shed for the garden, and gardening activities, as well as general scrubbing down of walls and tables. It also addresses issues of playground safety and other concerns as they arise.
- The **SCRIP COMMITTEE** handles sales of scrip, an easy and profitable fundraiser that lets every family contribute. This includes general scrip, escrip and Rainbow scrip. And don't forget your box top labels (see below) for extra income to the school.
- The **TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE** is committed to integrating emerging technologies into the Lakeshore curriculum.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The Lakeshore PTA provides Emergency supplies for ALL Lakeshore students. ADA construction has allowed us to house these kits in an appropriate area of the school site. Teachers and staff are trained in emergency evacuation procedures. The **ArkIII Emergency Survival Kits** contain a space blanket and a 3-day supply of food and water. The PTA has currently contributed more than \$7000 towards this endeavor. We ask that you help us continue this incredible service. Please **contribute \$10 per child**, towards the cost of their emergency kit (add this to your PTA donations).

THE LAKESHORE LISTSERVE

Join the Lakeshore online community and take part in lively discussions on school issues or just keep on top of school news. Subscribe to the Listserve by sending an email (keep subject line and message blank) to: lakeshorepta-subscribe@yahoo.com. **The listserve is only open to those in the Lakeshore community.** More detailed information about the listserve is available at the Lakeshore website. .

THE LAKESHORE NEWSLETTER “Paw Print Press”

Stay informed about what's happening at Lakeshore by reading the Newsletter and other flyers, sent home with your child every Wednesday. Newsletter submissions should be emailed to Heidi Haas at lakeshorenews@yahoo.com by 7 p.m. Monday evening.



The school website was designed to keep the school community informed about school activities throughout the year. Many school forms and documents can be downloaded from the website. A school calendar is maintained online and can be accessed via the website. Please direct questions or suggestions to lakeshorewebmaster@gmail.com. Please direct event information to lakeshorewebcalendar@gmail.com.

LAKESHORE LIBRARY

The Lakeshore Library is a favorite place for Lakeshore students, who visit regularly with their classes to check out books. For many years, PTA funds have provided supplies for the library and parent volunteers have helped keep the library open and running smoothly. We now have more than 11,000 volumes and an automated system to make keeping track of books easier. At the beginning of each school year, students and their families sign a contract pledging to take care of Lakeshore Library books and return them. Families can help students remember their library day and remind them to bring their books back. Please come and visit the library and see what a wonderful place it is.

LAKESHORE SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

The School Site Council (SSC) is a body of teachers/staff and parents who work with the principal to help ensure quality education for Lakeshore students. Members are elected each October by their peers for a two year term. Officer elections are held every year.

The primary role of the Site Council is to guide the Site planning process to ensure that the needs of all students are specifically addressed in the Academic Plan. The School Academic Plan is a living document that highlights the goals for the school and its programs. The role of the Site Council has expanded as SFUSD has moved to a Site Based Budgeting process, incorporating a weighted student formula method of distributing District resources to schools. Both the Lakeshore PTA and SSC are volunteer groups made up of parents, teachers and staff working with (different) budgets. The SSC budget is determined mainly by State and Federal funds and distributed through SFUSD; they are not a fundraising body. The PTA money comes from membership, fundraisers and grants. The SSC and PTA are committed to working together to minimize the effects of budget crisis on Lakeshore's programs. SSC minutes are posted monthly on the Site Council Bulletin Board in the front hallway of the school. For questions, please contact lakeshoressc@gmail.com.

SSC meetings are typically the first Monday of the month at 7p.m. Notices are sent out prior to each meeting. SSC minutes are posted monthly on the Site Council Bulletin Board in the front hallway of the school.

Chairman: Jason Harris-Boundy

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT LAKESHORE

Lakeshore has a strong and inclusive special education program that offers a wide variety of services to address and meet the needs of all students; including OT, PT, Speech and Language therapy, Resource Program, and Inclusion Program.

Lakeshore has two (K-2 and 3-5) special day classes that serve students from Kindergarten to 5th grade. The classes are specifically Mild/Moderate Speech and Language (SLI) classes. Our excellent teachers and staff support the students and provide many opportunities for all children to be successful, both in and out of the classroom. Students are mainstreamed and included in the general education classes and school wide activities as is appropriate.

PTA CONSULTANT POOL FOR THE ARTS AND SCIENCES

The goal of this PTA-funded program is to support Lakeshore teachers in their efforts to provide students with an enriched curriculum in the arts and sciences. The PTA employs professional consultants in Dance & Movement, Yoga, Music, Theatre Arts, Visual Arts, Poetry, Science in the Garden. Each classroom is funded for approximately 20 hours of these enrichment classes. Teachers choose consultants from the area(s) that they feel will best complement their particular classroom's curriculum each year, so each classroom will have a unique blend of consultants for the allotted 20 hours. Teachers are also free to vary the mix of consultants they wish to employ each year. Therefore, upon graduating from Lakeshore, students will have had a different cumulative level of exposure to each consultant. The classroom teachers are also instructing their students in the arts and sciences, of course. While the professional consultants enrich the basic curriculum, they do not replace it. Lakeshore teachers and students benefit tremendously from our superb PTA consultant pool enrichment program, which, like all PTA programs, is funded through diligent fund-raising efforts of the Lakeshore community.

Also, if a teacher chooses visual arts instruction for a portion of the 20 hours, these visual arts classes are IN ADDITION TO the guaranteed professional art classes offered to all students through the separate PTA-funded program known as Lakeshore's Studio Art Program.

LAKESHORE STUDIO ART PROGRAM

Lakeshore's Studio Art Program is a PTA-funded, school-wide, longitudinal fine arts program which provides professional art classes to all students in Grades K through 5. Lakeshore's Studio Art Program is supplemental to the school district's basic art curriculum taught by the classroom teachers. It enriches but does not replace the basic art curriculum. Lakeshore's Studio Art Program is also **completely separate** from the PTA Consultant Pool Enrichment Program. The two programs function independently and are structured distinctly. Lakeshore's Studio Art Program has a director who is a professional artist. The director, currently Sharon Collins, is solely responsible for the professional design and implementation of the Studio Art Program's longitudinal art curriculum which builds student art skills incrementally throughout the grade levels. Each Lakeshore student enjoys four forty-five minute (grades K-3) or four one-hour (grades 4-5) professional art classes each year. Small class size (only one-half of a classroom attends at a time) and parent volunteers magnify the benefits to each student, all of whom receive individualized instruction during each class. This program is funded for every Lakeshore student. While the overwhelming majority of Lakeshore classrooms participate in the program, a few teachers choose not to have their students participate. If you wish to know whether your child is participating, ask his or her classroom teacher.

The emphasis of this program is on developmentally appropriate hands-on, process-oriented art projects, which allow all students to feel successful while building art skills and working with authentic artist's tools in various mediums. The program is longitudinal; projects from one grade level provide the foundation for the more sophisticated projects of the ensuing grade levels. Student art is celebrated by laminating and hanging student art throughout our school building. Students' art is also shared with the Bay Area community by coordinating students' participation in museum art shows and competitions.

ABOUT THE PTA: WHO AND WHAT EXACTLY IS THE PTA?

Families working together for our school and our children

The Lakeshore PTA is part of a renowned, century-old nationwide organization with national and state structures – but all PTA activities at Lakeshore directly support Lakeshore students, families, teachers and programs. We pay \$3.50 per member to the district, state and national PTA. All other money we raise remains at Lakeshore. All Lakeshore PTA activities are chaired and handled by volunteers. Our only administrative costs are minor, such as printing costs for informational materials.

The PTA represents every Lakeshore family and teacher, working together to support our school and our children. Advocating for children and education is a PTA tradition. **To give just one example, the statewide PTA was instrumental in passage of the law that reduced K-3 class sizes to 20 students.** At Lakeshore, PTA advocacy was the key to getting the playground fenced and renovated in summer 2000. In previous years the PTA has funded programs such as Motor Perception when the state budget crisis prevented funding through the district.

Parent involvement and a strong and active PTA are two of the key ingredients that help foster the school spirit that thrives at Lakeshore Alternative School. The members of the Lakeshore PTA encourage you to become actively involved in helping us:

- Provide wonderful and enriching programs and activities for your children, the students
- Develop educational and leadership opportunities for you, as parents and guardians
- Offer support and encouragement to the students, teachers and staff at Lakeshore

Opportunities for involvement within the school community are varied and rewarding. You do not necessarily have to attend PTA meetings as a member, since there are many ways to voice your opinions and volunteer your time. Your talents are needed for everything from formal committees and board positions to supervising a field trip, typing, making phone calls, doing language translation, or helping in the library, to name but a few things. We can't do it without you!

PTA MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION – How do I Join?

PTA membership is vital to Lakeshore! It reflects the level of family participation in the school, and it provides the pool of volunteers we need to support our school programs. PTA membership also translates into finances for the school. A membership campaign begins with each school year, and continues throughout the school year. Look for membership forms online, sent home with your child or in the school office, or join at PTA general meetings and school functions. The PTA has non-profit status and donations are tax-deductible.

How do I get involved?

Your support and assistance are essential

Family involvement and participation is a vital component to the curriculum at Lakeshore, and has been shown to be a critical factor in school success. Parents who are interested in their child's education are sending an important message to their child: "what you are doing is important and matters." We encourage you to be involved in your child's school experience at Lakeshore.

Involvement means many things, not just volunteering at school

It's terrific if you can participate in your child's classroom. If you aren't able to, there are other ways to be involved. Show an active interest in your child's schoolwork. Work with them when they're doing their homework. Find out about and discuss what they're studying during the school day. Another great way to be involved is by joining the PTA; your membership helps immensely.

Working full time doesn't rule out getting involved

Volunteering your time and expertise for the Lakeshore School community will help you to maintain that critical link between home and school. Many of our parent volunteer opportunities are

on nights and weekends to accommodate working parents. Many of our board members, including the PTA president, are full time working parents. Can you donate time, materials or expertise? Do you have a special skill or interest for a classroom? Can you write, edit, type, or make photocopies? These are a few ways that your interests and skills can make a difference for Lakeshore.

You and the PTA are an invaluable resource for the school

- Become a Room Parent for your child's classroom and help the Room Parents network to keep good communication flowing between school administration, teachers, and parents. This was a critical resource when the teachers' strike was pending.
- Read the weekly *Lakeshore Newsletter* that comes home with your child on Wednesdays.
- Come to the monthly PTA general membership meetings – they're a great way to foster new friendships, parent education and networking. Best of all, childcare is available for your school age children during the meeting.
- Come to the monthly PTA board meetings and be part of the decision making process.
- Join the Lakeshore Listserve (pg. 10 for instructions) to hear about upcoming meetings & events.

STRUCTURE OF THE PTA

The Lakeshore PTA is made up of elected executive positions, committee chairs and the general membership. The elected positions include president, membership, secretary, treasurer, financial secretary, room parent coordinator, parliamentarian, historian, publicity and auditor. Each year the new slate of board members is presented to the general membership and voted in at a PTA general membership meeting in the spring. The committee chairs are volunteer positions. PTA Board meetings are held in the evenings each month. **EVERYONE** is welcome to attend and take part; however, only Board members may vote.

The PTA hosts General Membership meetings on some Wednesdays, but all PTA meetings are open to General Membership. Often there is a featured speaker or a topic of interest presented to Lakeshore parents, and at times, discussion and/or an opportunity to vote on school wide issues. Childcare is offered (for school-aged children), to help make these meetings accessible to all. For working parents, it is a great chance to meet other parents.

Parent feedback is essential to the PTA. We need to know if our programs are working, how they can be improved and how you would like to be involved. Any PTA board member or committee chair can be reached by calling them at the numbers listed in this book, or you may leave a written message in the PTA box in the school office.

QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR PROBLEMS:

If you have a specific question or concern, or if problems arise, we urge you to contact the head Room Parent of your child's classroom, your child's teacher, a board member, the school principal, or leave a message in the PTA mailbox in the school office. We want to keep the lines of communication between home, school and staff at Lakeshore open.

We hope you'll find this information we've compiled helpful. One of the main goals of the PTA is to foster good communication between parents and the school. We urge you to join us, get involved, and voice your opinions! Come to our board meetings. Join us at the General Membership Meetings. Become an active part of the Lakeshore PTA. We have several volunteer committee chair positions open this year. If you're interested in volunteering, let us know.

Easy Fundraising Guide

Fundraise for Lakeshore without spending extra money!

**Pull Out
&
Use Year
Round!**

Do you shop at **Lucky? Rainbow Grocery? Macy's?**

Are you a frequent shopper at **Target? Office Depot?**

Do you buy products like **Swanson's** broths, **Goldfish**, or other **Campbell's** items?

We created this handy guide to help you fundraise without any extra spending.

EVERYDAY SHOPPING

Lucky Card

What is it? Purchases provide funds to Lakeshore every time you use your Lucky's card.

How to get one: Cards are available in the Lakeshore office, or can be picked up at Lucky's.

Rainbow Scrip

What is it? Certificates (Scrip) of specific value that you purchase in advance.

How to get one: Look in the Paw Print press for more information.

How to use it: Use your Scrip when shopping to pay for your groceries.

Target Credit Card

What is it? A real credit card or a credit card specifically to use at Target.

How to get one: Apply for a Target Guest Card or VISA online or at the store and ask to designate Lakeshore Elementary as your school of choice for fundraising.

How to use it: Each time you shop online or in store using your Target card, Lakeshore gets 1%. If you use it outside of Target, Lakeshore gets ½%.

Office Depot

What is it? Office Depot gives 5% of every purchase, every time to Lakeshore.

How to use it: You don't even have to know the school's account number. The person at the cash register will look it up for you. Think of Office Depot at back to school time.

BoxTops VISA

What is it? A credit card that is used everywhere VISA is taken. No annual fee and a low APR.

How to get one: Go to www.boxtops4education.com and designate Lakeshore as the school to get a percentage of your shopping.

How to use it: Used as a regular VISA card. Lakeshore gets 1% no matter where you use it.

CAMPBELL'S LABELS

What do I save? Front labels of all Campbell's products (soups, Swanson's broths, etc) or UPCs (Goldfish crackers, etc)

For Lakeshore: Lakeshore gets school supplies such as balls, megaphones etc.

How to turn them in: Please send labels in an envelope to school with your child or to the office.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

What do I save? Cut off "Boxtops for Education" rectangle on food products such as Cheerios and Go-Gurt (**kids can do this!**). Also, if you go to www.boxtops4education.com first and pick Lakeshore as the organization to benefit from your online shopping, it adds money to the boxtops check we get twice a year.

How to turn them in: Please send boxtops in an envelope to school with your child or to the office.

Contact Rebecca Kennedy

The classroom that brings in the most gets a party at the end of the year!



Don't forget to renew each fall.

Escrip.com

This fundraising activity will not require any payment or donation on your part but just a few minutes of your time and your grocery club card number and /or debit and credit card numbers. It's safe and easy!

Do you shop with Grocery Cards, Macy's Card, Major Credit Cards, check cards?

What is it? Online fundraising program that lets you shop with your grocery, credit cards, and Macy's cards, while helping out Lakeshore.

How it works: Register for free online. **It's completely safe.** Add, change, or delete your cards throughout the year. **You must renew every year!** Reminder emails are sent out periodically with special offers and new ways to help Lakeshore Elementary.

How do I sign up? Visit www.escrip.com. Register. Select *Lakeshore PTA*. Our Group ID is: **137955443**. Register your card(s). That's it! In less than 5 minutes you'll start helping Lakeshore at no added expense.

You can review your account and track your card purchases too.

Questions: contact Jessica Mills

Friends and relatives can sign up for any of the above. Pass along this handy guide.

THANKS FOR HELPING LAKESHORE SCHOOL WITH YOUR SHOPPING!

Buy your Spirit Gear!!



Spirit Day

Every Friday

Every Friday is school spirit day at Lakeshore. Show your spirit and wear any one of our fun items available with the Lakeshore Leopard logo. Children and Adult sizes are available.

Buy anytime. Order forms are always available at the front entrance on the display case. Contact Toni Vedar.

What's for Sale?

Black short sleeve T's	\$15 Youth S, M, L	\$15 Adult S-XL
White short sleeve T's	\$15 Youth S, M, L	\$15 Adult S-XL
Black Zip-up Hooded Sweat	\$30 Youth S, M, L	\$30 Adult S-XL
Red Zip-up Hooded Sweat	\$30 Youth S, M, L	\$30 Adult S-XL
Baseball Caps	\$12	



Black/white $\frac{3}{4}$ sleeve baseball T's	\$15 Youth S, M, L	\$15 Adult S-XL
Red/white $\frac{3}{4}$ sleeve baseball T's	\$15 XXS, XS, M, L	

Lakeshore Folders	\$1.50	
-------------------	--------	--

All proceeds support Lakeshore programs.